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Dana Loesch and Tate Adamiak added to the Gun Rights Policy Conference agenda, September 25-27 in Dallas, TX

BELLEVUE, Wash. — Sept. 14, 2026 — The Gun Rights Policy Conference (GRPC) planning committee is pleased to announce that **Dana Loesch** and **Patrick “Tate” Adamiak** have been added to the event’s agenda.

Co-hosted by the **Second Amendment Foundation** and the **Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms**, the 41st annual GRPC is scheduled for Sept. 25 – 27 in Dallas at the Westin Dallas Fort Worth Airport hotel.

Loesch is the country’s number one nationally syndicated talk radio host in the afternoons and hosts her award-winning radio program, *The Dana Show*, from Dallas. She is also the author of three books, including a national best-seller. She began her career as an award-winning newspaper columnist in her hometown of St. Louis before moving to radio during the 2008 elections. A Second Amendment advocate for well over a decade, Loesch is one of the nation’s premier



voices for gun rights, and she regularly appears on television news and has provided election analysis/commentary for Fox, ABC, CNN, and HBO.

Adamiak was the recent recipient of a presidential pardon after he was sentenced to more than 20 years in prison following his arrest for illegally possessing a toy machinegun by Biden-era Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) agents. His conviction came after ATF’s “expert” added parts from real RPGs until they would fire a single subcaliber 7.62 x 39mm round. As a result, the “expert” classified the RPGs as destructive devices even though the same inert RPGs are still legally sold today without an FFL

or any other paperwork. At the time of his arrest, Adamiak was an active-duty Navy E-6 and had been accepted to attend BUD/S (Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL training).

This year’s GRPC keynote address will be given by the Honorable **Roger T. Benitez** (Ret.) – one of the most consequential judicial defenders of the Second Amendment in the post-Heller era.

Additional speakers include:

- Robert Cekada**, Director, ATF
- Robert Leider**, ATF Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel
- Brandon Herrera**, Second Amendment advocate and Con-

gressional candidate

- Barry Arrington**, acting Chief of the Second Amendment Section of the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice
- Jared Yanis**, host of *Guns & Gadgets* YouTube channel
- Amy Swearer**, Senior Legal Fellow, Advancing American Freedom
- Joseph Greenlee**, Director of the Office of Litigation Counsel at the National Rifle Association
- Kenyon Gleason**, president of National Association of Sporting Goods Wholesalers
- Shermichael Singleton**, political consultant, television anchor, CNN analyst
- Jeff Gonzales**, Founder and CEO, Trident Concepts
- Holly Sullivan**, President, Connecticut Citizens Defense League
- Cam Edwards**, editor of *BearingArms.com* and the host of the *Cam & Company* podcast
- John Petrolino**, writer, firearms instructor, and author of *Decoding Firearms: An Easy to Read*

Guide on Basic Gun Safety & Use

- Alan Beck**, Second Amendment attorney
- William Kirk**, Second Amendment attorney, influencer and host of the *Washington Gun Law* YouTube channel
- Gabriella Hoffman**, policy analyst, award-winning outdoor writer and director of Independent Women’s Center for Energy and Conservation
- Mark Smith**, constitutional lawyer and host of *The Four Boxes Diner* YouTube Channel
- Isaac Botkin**, designer, entrepreneur, advocate for liberty and co-owner of T.REX ARMS
- Alan M. Gottlieb**, founder and Executive Vice President, Second Amendment Foundation
- Adam Kraut**, Executive Director, Second Amendment Foundation
- Bill Sack**, Senior Director of Legal Operations at Second Amendment Foundation
- Kostas Moros**, Director of Legal Research and Education, Second Amendment Foundation

•And many more!

In addition to GRPC, registrants also have the unique opportunity to take part in AMM-Con, Friday’s pre-conference event. Scheduled for Friday, Sept. 25, AMM-Con is a gathering of some of the top Second Amendment media who provide educational presentations about all things related to 2A media. Registration is still open if you, or someone you know, would like to attend.

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Sen. Lamar Alexander named recipient of the Robert Sparks Walker Lifetime Achievement Award for Environment and Conservation

Nashville, Tenn., September 14, 2026 – Former Tennessee Sen. Lamar Alexander has been named the recipient of the 2026 Robert Sparks Walker Lifetime Achievement Award, the top honor in the Governor’s Environmental Stewardship Awards presented by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

For nearly half a century, Sen. Alexander has been central to Tennessee’s modern conservation movement. His influence can be seen throughout Tennessee and across the nation in protected forests, revitalized national parks, and communities strengthened by renewed pride in their natural heritage.

“Throughout his lifetime of service, Sen. Alexander has been devoted to preserving our great outdoors,” said Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee. “His commitment to conservation and protecting our state and nation’s irreplaceable natural beauty will have a lasting impact for generations to come.”

Alexander’s conservation leadership began long before his tenure in the U.S. Senate. As Tennessee’s governor from 1979 to 1987, he made environmental stewardship a priority of his administration, issuing executive



Former Tennessee Sen. Lamar Alexander received the 2026 Robert Sparks Walker Lifetime Achievement Award, the top honor in the Governor’s Environmental Stewardship Awards. (Photo/Courtesy: TN Dept. of Environment)

orders that protected wetlands, conserved wild American ginseng, and coordinated statewide outdoor recreation planning.

One of Alexander’s signature achievements is the protection of the Rocky Fork watershed. Beginning in 2006, he helped secure more than \$30 million to conserve the roughly 10,000-acre landscape, including 2,076 acres that became Lamar Alexander Rocky Fork State Park in 2015. He also shaped the 2018 Tennes-

see Wilderness Act, establishing or expanding wilderness areas totaling 19,556 acres, including the Upper Bald River Wilderness, protecting sensitive ecological areas and ensuring long-term access to backcountry experiences.

At the national level, Alexander played a key role in passing the Great American Outdoors Act in 2020, delivering significant benefits to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Cherokee National Forest, securing permanent funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and creating a \$9.5 billion restoration fund for America’s public lands.

Alexander’s legacy includes building partnerships that strengthened conservation efforts nationwide, from chairing President Reagan’s Commission on Americans Outdoors to serving

as honorary co-chair of the bipartisan Outdoor Resources Review Group.

His belief in community-driven stewardship inspired Homecoming ’86, a statewide initiative that grew into more than 6,000 local projects involving parks, trails and cultural restoration.

In 2025, Gov. Lee and the Tennessee General Assembly invested in the Alexander Institute for Conservation Leadership and the Sciences at Maryville College, establishing a hub to train future conservation leaders across the Southern Appalachian region.

Alexander’s lifelong work dem-

onstrates that protecting Tennessee’s natural resources requires vision, persistence and partnership. TDEC is proud to honor a leader whose contributions will benefit Tennesseans for generations to come.

About the Robert Sparks Walker Lifetime Achievement Award

Robert Sparks Walker was a founder of the Chattanooga Audubon Society who turned his childhood home and surrounding farmland into a wildlife sanctuary. Among his writings was “Torchlights to the Cherokees: the Brainerd Mission,” gaining a nomination for the Pulitzer Prize. Walker was editor of the

magazine *The Southern Fruit Grower* and wrote a weekly column in the *Chattanooga Times*. He died in 1960 at age 82.

Recipients of the Robert Sparks Walker Lifetime Achievement Award are recognized for at least 20 years of exceptional service in environmental protection or conservation in Tennessee. Past honorees have demonstrated notable dedication through work in natural resource management, conservation, education, public service, or policy leadership that has contributed significantly to the environmental well-being of the state.

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NASA astronaut Victor Glover returns full time to alma mater, Cal Poly for leadership position from sports-military 2

graduate, and we share a vision of ensuring that our university continues to produce future generations of pioneers and leaders." Glover joins Cal Poly after his recent retirement from the Navy and transition to NASA emeritus. His achievements in space exploration included piloting the second-ever crewed flight of SpaceX's Crew Dragon; living aboard the International Space Station for 168 days from November 2020 to May 2021; and traveling beyond low Earth orbit and around the moon as part of Artemis II's Orion spacecraft. Artemis II captivated the nation and the world as the first crewed flight beyond low Earth orbit

since 1972, and Glover and his fellow crewmembers sent home dazzling images and descriptions of the moon's far side.

Glover's family has broad connections to Cal Poly. His wife, Dionna, is an alumna, and the two met on campus while they were students in the 1990s. And the couple have four daughters, all of whom are Cal Poly students or recent graduates.

Cal Poly is a nationally ranked public university located in San Luis Obispo, California, and is known for its Learn by Doing philosophy. It is a member of the 22-campus California State University system.

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The virtual meeting will be from 2:00p.m. - 2:45p.m. on Wednesday, September 23rd. In order to help ensure a good discussion, participation will be limited to the first 25 people who sign up. If you would like to participate, please send an email confirmation to kconley@memphiscrime.org by September 21st. The Zoom link will be provided the day prior to the meeting.

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